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Group/A.U. : 2877
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Asheville, North Carolina
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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is supplemental to applicant's Amendment dated December 8, 2006 and received in the USPTO on December 11, 2006, which Amendment was in response to the Office Action mailed August 9, 2006. The purpose of this Supplemental Response is to correct a word in the Remarks of the previous Amendment

On page 12 of the previous Amendment Remarks, last paragraph, the word "extension" should be corrected to "extinction" so that the paragraph reads:

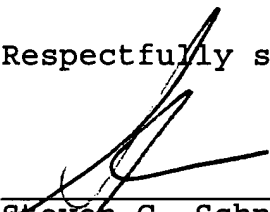
"In brief conclusion, tapered beards, optical channels and extinction mode amount $A(x)$ determinations are well known, beginning with Hertel in the 1940s. The subject image-based determinations of $A(x)$, referred to in applicant's disclosure as L_i , are entirely new."

Again, reconsideration and allowance are requested. It is also requested that the restriction requirement as to non-elected Group II, Claims 12-16 be withdrawn. In the event a

telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

Claims 2-19 are in the case. Claims 2-11 and 17-19 are Group I claims.

Respectfully submitted,

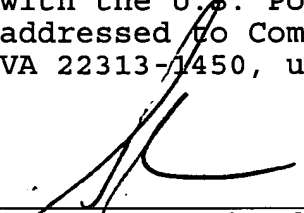


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